



Dr. Martha Lee Bailey

November 6, 1932 - October 1, 2019

To everything there is a season, a time to be born and a time to die. This is god's appointed time. Ecclesiastes 3:1

"In the evening of my life, when the birds began to fly, I heard the voice of triumph, tears I began to cry, and I see my maker's footprints up in the skies."

On the morning of Tuesday, October 1, 2019, dr. Martha lee bailey entered into eternal peace in Houston, Tx.

Dr. Martha lee bailey was born November 6, 1932 to the late Rev. Attmya Dewey Rash and Lillian Vaughn. She was baptized at an early age.

Martha was united in marriage to Irinton James Lee Sr. and to this union one child was born.

Martha Lee received her B.S. and M.A. Degrees in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Southern University A & M College in Baton Rouge, LA. She later moved to Houston, Texas where she pursued a Doctorate of Education Degree at The University of Houston in Houston, Tx. After earning her Ed.D., Dr. Bailey began working at Prairie View A & M. University. For more than 30 years, she achieved so many accomplishments while working at Prairie View A & M University. She was Director of Student Teaching and Field Experiences and Early Childhood/Elementary Professor before retiring. Martha was the recipient of many awards throughout her years

as an educator, she was a member of the "Order of Eastern Star, Mary Chapter of St. Landry Parish.", Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Phi Delta Kappa, Association for Childhood Education International, and served as state president for Texas Association for Childhood Education.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a loving & devoted son, Irinton James Lee Jr. (Ruby D.) of Melville, LA, one grandchild, Kim Ebony Lee-Smith of Houston, TX, two great-grandchildren, Jordan Amari Smith and Kaleb Irinton Smith both of Houston, TX. She also leaves to cherish her memory a host of special nieces and nephews that she helped to raise: Lottie Brown Allen, Attmya Dewey Brown, Van Fleet Brown, Stephan Brown, Helen Brown Carey, and Anticus Brown, along with other relatives & friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Rev. Attmya Dewey Rash and Lillian Vaughn, her sister Evelyn Rash Brown, her brothers Johnnie Franklin and Willie Franklin, four aunts, Liza, Luevilla, Mary and Luebirtha , one nephew McKinley Brown, Jr., and one niece Stacy Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Antioch Baptist Church in Melville, LA with viewing beginning at 8:00 A.M. and burial to follow in Sweet Home Cemetery, Melville, LA.

Share words of comfort with the family on the Permanent Life Tribute Page of Dr. Martha Lee Bailey at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Cemetery Details

Sweet Home Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 8:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
642 Payton Street
Melville, LA 71353

Service

OCT **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Martha Lee Bailey*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Dr. Bailey was a wonderful person and the memories I have of her from Prairie View A and M University as my adviser, professor, and friend will never be forgotten!*

Gladys Hutchins - December 31, 2020 at 06:42 AM



“ *May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.*

Sheriff Bobby J. Guidroz - October 15, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear of her passing. May you find strength and comfort through God's word during this difficult time.*



Ida Campbell - October 12, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ *Dr. Bailey was a great mentor and awesome example of grace and professionalism during undergrad and master's programs. She was kind, caring and lived working and molding young teachers.*

Kimberly Denman - October 12, 2019 at 07:19 PM

AN

“ *Dr. Bailey was like a 2nd mother to me during my time at PV. I was an ACEI member and spent many Saturday mornings selling coffee to grad students to raise money to toward our traveling expences to the Early Childhood Conferences.*

You all have my deepest condolences. RIH

*Love,
Lacy*

Andreana - October 11, 2019 at 10:37 PM

ML

“ *Our thoughts and prayer are with the Bailey family. Her beautiful smile and warm presence will always be remembered. She always supported the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel, here on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. The Lord shall give you strength.*

Blessings,

*M. Marie Lewis,
All Faiths Chapel, PVAMU*

Melicent Marie Lewis-Lenton - October 11, 2019 at 11:22 AM

ML

“ *Melicent Marie Lewis-Lenton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Martha Lee Bailey*



Melicent Marie Lewis-Lenton - October 11, 2019 at 11:15 AM

AG

“ *Aisha Gibson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Martha Lee Bailey*



Aisha Gibson - October 10, 2019 at 10:01 PM

CD

“ *My name is Charles Dorsey, class of 2005, Prairie View A&M University. Dr. Bailey was my advisor during my student teaching. I remember she and I had a talk about how everything was going and I responded, cool but these Elementary kids are always trying to give me hugs. She proceeded to ask me what I did when they tried to give me one and I responded, “Kind of push them away”. The conversation immediately got serious. She told explained to me that some kids never receive hugs and that’s what a lot of them need. I’ve been in education for 14 years now and til this day that has stuck with me and I’ve been handing hugs out every since that meeting. I’m a great teacher because of her and her presence on this side of the Jordan will be missed. I pray that she finds rest well beyond the other side.*

Charles Dorsey - October 10, 2019 at 03:27 PM

PW

My name is Pastor Doris Wright, I knew Dr. Bailey up close and personal. You see, she was my roommate at Southern University in Baton Rough. My previous roommate had move out and I had the room all to myself for almost a month and came a knock on the door of this much older woman Martha, coming into my space, and we both had the same thought; she said, why would they put me with this young chick and I said, why did they put me with this old woman! Later, she became my best friend, and my boss. Martha was a House Mother for one of the dormitories, and made me her assistant to help me with my housing. I was a married student when we met, husband in military, and no children yet. She was there whenever I needed her. We lost contact after I graduated, and years later, I was back in Baton Rough, as a teacher, and I heard from a mutual friend, she was in Houston and asked about me. I contacted her, she invited me and now my two son to visit her and we did. She convinced me to move to Houston to teach, where I have been since 1985. She even invited me to Prairie View University to speak on Education. You see Martha, Dr. Bailey was a big part of my life history and I have not and will never forget her kindness, caring and love for me and my boys. She is in my heart forever, with much love! My love goes out to her family and her nieces, I did not know until now. God bless and keep you!

Pastor Doris Wright - June 13, 2023 at 12:03 PM